

Amendments to the Specification:

Please, add the follow new paragraph after paragraph [0009]

[0009.1] FIG. 4 illustrates the attachment of the legs to the grip.

Please, replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] In the position for transporting the Support, the spring rods **9, 10** and the legs **5, 6** are generally adjacent to the axis **20** running between the collar **12** and the grip **1**, *i.e.*, the area of the Support intended to be occupied by the survey rod **2**, although the second ends **16, 18** of the spring rods **9, 10** are farther from the axis **20** than are the first ends **7, 8** of the spring rods **9, 10**. (When the first end **7, 8** of each of the two spring rods **9, 10** is attached directly to the survey rod **2**, the second ends **16, 18** of the spring rods **9, 10** are, of course, farther from the survey rod 2 than are the first ends **7, 8** of the spring rods **9, 10**.)